

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Sergio BELLI et al. )  
Serial No.: Not yet assigned ) Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned  
Filed: January 29, 2002 ) Examiner: Not yet assigned  
For: ELECTRICAL CABLE WITH SELF- )  
REPAIRING PROTECTION )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
REQUEST THAT AN INTERFERENCE BE DECLARED**

Prior to the examination of the above-captioned application, please amend this  
application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel, without prejudice or disclaimer, claim 1, and add new claims 55-73, as  
follows:

55. (new) An electrical cable consisting essentially of a conductor, a layer of insulation  
around said conductor and a material flowable at about 25° C. between the conductor and the  
layer of insulation which provides self-sealing properties to the cable, wherein said material is a  
dielectric and has capacity, upon creation of discontinuity in the layer of insulation, of

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